

PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ROOM – May 27, 2003
1:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Hons. Bob Young, Mayor; Williams, Chairman; Boyles, Co-Chairman; Shepard, member; Jim Wall, Attorney; Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission.

ABSENT: Hon. Beard, member.

Also Present: Stacey Eidson of The Metropolitan Spirit, Jeremy Craig of The Augusta Chronicle and Hon. Bridges, Commissioner.

Mr. Shepard: The Automation Sub-Committee met this morning but we did not get much beyond the receipt of information stage so I would ask you to remove Item 6 from the agenda and I'll make the motion to do that and to add the two items on the addendum agenda.

Mr. Boyles: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

ADDENDUM AGENDA:
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Coroner Leroy Sims to appear before the committee regarding change in the policy of Regional Crime Lab for overnight and weekend storage of bodies.
2. Motion to approve agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections for housing of 215 State inmates at RCCI. (Requested by the Attorney)
5. **Discuss Taxi Cab Ordinance for Augusta Richmond County. (Requested by Commissioner Williams)**

Mr. Chairman: I think we need to look at updating our taxi cab ordinance and I'd like to appoint a sub-committee to review this ordinance. I'll appoint Mr. Hankerson as Chairman and ask Mr. Boyles to serve with him along with myself.

It was the consensus of the committee that this sub-committee be appointed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Georgia and Augusta for the old Crime Lab property for use by the Sheriff and Coroner.**
2. **Request for approval of Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) application for Richmond County Juvenile Court and The Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC).**

Mr. Shepard: I move that we approve Items 1 and 2 as consent agenda items.

Mr. Boyles: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

4. Consider a request from Patrick R. Lay regarding an increase in the number of taxi cab passengers they are allowed to transport. (Referred from May 20 Commission meeting)

Mr. David Fields of Radio Cab Company made a presentation regarding the above item and asked that the committee not consider increasing the number of people who can ride in a taxi cab.

Mr. Lay stated that he needed the larger vehicles to haul the larger groups of passengers.

After a short discussion, Mr. Shepard: I make the motion that we postpone the action on this request until the report of the sub-committee we just appointed comes back.

Mr. Boyles: I'll second that.

After further discussion, Mr. Chairman: I'm going to put this on the agenda for the Commission meeting next week to discuss this further.

Motion fails with the Chairman voting No.

Addendum Item 1. Coroner Leroy Sims to appear before the committee regarding change in the policy of Regional Crime Lab for overnight and weekend storage of bodies.

Mr. Shepard: If our Coroner is not here, could we move this to the full body with no recommendation?

Mr. Chairman: I have no problem with that.

Mr. Shepard: I'd make that in the form of a motion then.

Mr. Chairman: I'll second that.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Addendum Item 2. Motion to approve agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections for housing of 215 State inmates at RCCI. (Requested by the Attorney)

Mr. Boyles: I so move.

Mr. Shepard: Second for purposes of discussion.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Mr. Boyles asked if a report could be given at the next committee meeting regarding pauper cemetery space.

Mr. Russell replied that a report could be given at the next meeting about that.

3. Motion to approve Commission's notification of city sponsored events when more than 5,000 people are expected to attend. (Requested by Commissioner Williams)

Mr. Williams asked that the Commission be notified of any city sponsored or non-city sponsored events when more than 5,000 people are expected to attend.

Mr. Kolb stated that the Riverwalk Special Events Office had just sent out a brochure to Commissioners listing the events scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Shepard: In our main agenda books every other week we have a listing of the upcoming meetings and I would like to ask if informally they could put that list together in the book. Or maybe it could be done as a memorandum.

Mr. Boyles: I'll just move that we be simply notified.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Mays stated that he thought that it had been previously agreed that commissioners would be notified about various events through Parks and Rec or other sources.

The Chairman requested that this item be placed on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

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